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18. (Once Amended) A mat comprising:

at least one first layer of at least one strand formed of filaments; and

at least one second layer of at least one strand formed of filaments that are at least partly opened,

wherein the at least one second layer has a filament dispersion gradient.

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19. (Once Amended) The mat according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one strand of the at least one first layer and the at least one strand of the at least one second layer are formed of reinforcing filaments of at least one of a reinforcing material and an organic material.

20. (Twice Amended) The mat according to Claim 18, wherein the at least one strand of the at least one first layer and the at least one strand of the at least one second layer are continuous strands.

21. (Twice Amended) A composite comprising:

at least one of an organic material and an inorganic material; and

at least one mat comprising:

at least one first layer of at least one strand formed of filaments; and

at least one second layer of at least one strand formed of filaments that are at least partly opened.